Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Most of the books approved by the Director were taken from the books recommended by the Committee.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What about the magazines and papers ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I shall supply the information.

Construction of a road from Kallur to Kallayi.

73. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any petition for the construction of a road from Kallur to Kallayi; if so, what action have they taken regarding same ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes. The matter is being enquired into.

Narakkal canal.

74. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) when was the completion bill of the Narakkal canal, item No. 230 of schedule B of the budget estimate of the year 1103, sent to the Government by the Assistant Engineer;

(b) did the Chief Engineer find any irregularities on checkmeasuring the work; if so, what are they?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) A final bill has been sent by the Assistant Engineer to the Chief Engineer.

(b) The work has been checkmeasured by the acting Chief Engineer. His report has not come to Government yet.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—My question is, 'did the Chief Engineer find any irregularities on checkmeasuring the work; if so, what are they?' I want an answer for that.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—No report has been received by Government about this as yet.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is the Engineering Department not Government?

President.—You should have made a reference to the Chief Engineer and given the answer.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I expected an answer to this question from the Chief Engineer.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The answer to this question was made ready during the time of the acting Chief Engineer and, when the permanent Chief Engineer took charge of the Department, no reference was made to him.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Who supplied this answer?

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Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Government supplied the answer.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—This was referred to the previous Chief Engineer and he supplied the answer. Then why was the name of the permanent Chief Engineer put here?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—As a representative of the Government.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The answer is clear there. The report has not come to Government yet.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When the permanent Chief Engineer took charge of the Department, did he not take charge of this file also?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I have to take charge when he goes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—This is no answer to my question. Why not give the correct answer? (*Laughter.*)

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—This answer was supplied by the acting Chief Engineer and I was not referred to the answer.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—My question is what are the irregularities. The answer given is quite different. The answer refers to some other things.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I want notice for that.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The question itself is what are the irregularities and that has not been answered. That is the question itself and not a supplementary question. No answer is given here. So no further notice is necessary.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—This answer was supplied by the acting Chief Engineer and I have no information about this answer. I have further no time to look into the report also.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—That is a bad confession.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—My point is no further notice of this question is necessary. The Chief Engineer has given the promise to give the answer next time.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Anyhow I shall ask this question again. (*Laughter.*)

Connecting Vellattanjur road with Erumapetti road.

75. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the inhabitants of the Vellattanjur Village have petitioned the Government to have the Vellattanjur road,

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